

David Defeats Goliath

1 Samuel 17:1-50



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BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

All of us have fears that can seem overwhelming—the big math test that is coming up, swimming lessons, the dog that lives across the street. The Israelites feared Goliath, a 9-foot Philistine warrior who was just waiting to take down the Israelites. A nation was at stake! If the Israelites lost, they would be slaves to the Philistines, losing everything they had worked so hard for centuries to achieve! The Israelites trembled in fear, with not one soul brave enough to stand up to the giant Goliath. Not anyone but David, that is.

David had no battle experience whatsoever. But he boldly stood up to the giant. David knew God was with him and God would help him face this giant, just as God helps each one of us. Using the skill God had given him as a shepherd—a protector of sheep—David protected a nation by taking Goliath down with one stone from his slingshot. That day little David proved that good things could come in small packages!

Bible Point: God can help us all do great things.

Key Verse: “I can do everything through him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13).



FAMILY FUN Get the Giant!

This week, take time together as a family to discuss “giants” in one another’s lives.

Then build a giant out of paper cups. Write one of your “giants” on each of the cups, and then build a giant tower with the cups.

When you’ve finished building your tower, take turns shooting rubber bands at it to knock it down. (Be sure to shoot the rubber bands away from anything or anyone who could be hurt by them.)

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow

through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Tell a friend about a time God helped you do something great in your life.
- Say a prayer and tell God that you have faith in him, and ask him to do great things in your life!
- Ask your mom or dad to help you bring your neighbors a plate of cookies, and then tell your neighbors about your faith in God!

PARENT STUMPER

Q: How did David get practice with his slingshot?

A: as a shepherd—protecting his sheep from bears and lions



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Exodus 15:2

What strength has God given you that you can praise him for?

TUESDAY 2 Samuel 22:33

For what fear can you ask God to give you strength this week?

WEDNESDAY 1 Chronicles 16:11

God wants us to always look to him, continually seeking him in all we do. What is one way you can focus on seeking God this week?

THURSDAY Psalm 28:7

Think of a worry you have, give it to God, and then find someone to rejoice with you because you are trusting in God!

FRIDAY Ecclesiastes 10:10

God has given us each our own unique gifts and talents. But if left untouched, they go to waste. Think of something you know you’re good at but haven’t done in a long time. Practice that skill this week, and find ways to use it to honor God.

SATURDAY Isaiah 12:2

The Lord frees us from the grip of all our fears. Who do you know who you can share this good news with? Let that person know today that he or she never has to be afraid because God works all things for good!